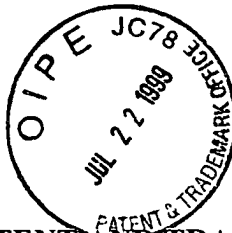


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed May 20, 1999. In response to the restriction requirement raised by the Examiner, Applicant elects to pursue Group II, consisting of Claims 8-39. Moreover, Applicant elects Species A consisting of Figures 1-17. Claims 8, 10-24, 27, 29 and 33-39 read on the embodiment of Species A. Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent Claims 8, 27 and 39 are generic.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination. Accordingly, prompt examination of the application is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning